



COPPULL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES



**MEETING: PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST 2022 - 7.00 P.M.
SPRINGFIELD PARK LEISURE CENTRE, COPPULL**

PRESENT: Parish Councillors Michael Atherton (Chair), Marjorie Parkinson (Vice-Chair), Pauline Cobham, Neil Coggins, Matthew Crook, Sheila Makin, Maggie Peel-Impey, Paul Taylor, Susan Edwards (Clerk) and County/Chorley Councillor Julia Berry

1. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Parish Councillors Nora Ball (ill health), Jan Colecliffe (working), Paul Eastham (ill health), Steve Holgate (holiday), Elaine Jones (ill health), Lynne Moores (working), Ash Whittaker (working)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL / PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS (Members of the Parish Council are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provision of the Local Government Act 2000) – **None.**

2.2 DECLARATION OF GIFTS – None.

3. AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 13 JULY 2022 (emailed/distributed to Parish Councillors)

PROPOSED: Councillor P. Cobham

SECONDED: Councillor M. Parkinson

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the above meeting be approved as a correct record.

THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT STANDING ORDERS BE SUSPENDED TO ALLOW OTHER BODIES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK - AGREED.

4. POLICE REPORT – None available. Statistics for June are:

- Anti-social behaviour – 17
- Violence and sexual offences - 15
- Criminal damage and arson – 3
- Burglary – 4

This is a significant overall reduction from last month.

All this information can be found on the Police website:

<https://www.police.uk/your-area/lancashire-constabulary/coppull>

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT &

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Councillor Berry reported on the following:

- Speed of traffic throughout the village, including (but not exclusive) Coppull Moor Lane (motorbikes, not off road), New Road, Clancutt roundabout, Chapel Lane, Mill Lane and The Landings. Cllr Berry is meeting with Andy Platt, Deputy Crime Commissioner, next week and will report about this at the next meeting. Chorley is the third worst in the county for child accidents.
- The Landings – progress is being made in regard to ownership of the road and car park. There is a new owner of the mill and he knows what he owns and is talking to Miller Homes. The new owner wants to remodel the car park and open up further floors with the installation of a lift. The estate owners of the pond do not want to spend any money securing the site at the present time. There are 100 units operating in the mill at various times and noise is becoming a nuisance for local residents. This is being looked into.
- Lancashire Libraries – taster sessions, free activities all on the website. Local clubs have joined in with the free activities and other organisations, all can be found on the website. A poster has been circulated, but not all organisations are on this. However, there is a QR code and information can be obtained through this.
- Longworth Avenue – parking – Cllr Parkinson reported that bad parking on the junction of Longworth Avenue and Chapel Lane, adjacent to the Wheatsheaf Public House, is causing considerable danger to motorists and members of the public. This is also happening on Chapel Lane at the junction of Green Lane. Cllr Berry to bring this matter up with the Deputy Crime Commissioner.

7. ITEMS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – None.

THE CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT STANDING ORDERS BE REIMPOSED AND THE MEETING CONTINUE – AGREED.

8. GENERAL MANAGEMENT/FINANCE

- 8.1 External Audit. Unfortunately, the External Audit has not yet been completed. To put on the agenda for next month's meeting.
- 8.2 Civility & Respect Pledge – to pass a resolution to sign up to this (sent with agenda to Parish Councillors). It was **RESOLVED** to sign up to this pledge, except for the joining the Council Award Scheme, as the council is no longer a member of LALC due to the cost. There is also a Code of Conduct on line session for Councillors on 19 October 2022, from 7-8pm. If any Councillors wishes to join, please inform the Clerk.
- 8.3 Domain name change to coppullparishcouncil.gov.uk - £110 every 2 years and £99 per year for .gov email addresses. It was **RESOLVED**

to change to a .gov address when the current contract is up for review.

- 8.4 New Village Hall – contract – awaiting response from Solicitor. The Solicitor is on holiday at the present time.
- 8.5 Consideration of 10 year lease to Chorley Women operating from Coppull United Football Club, to enable them to obtain grant funding from the SA National League –Awaiting response from Solicitor. The Solicitor is on holiday at the present time. However, it was **RESOLVED** that approval would be given in principal, to allow the club to apply for the funding.

The Clerk will contact the Solicitor for the above to items on his return from holiday.

- 8.6 Requests for additional litter bins – Leisure Centre (floor mounted - £200), Hic-Bibi Nature Reserve, Mavis Drive ginnel and in front of Tailor Maid (wall/post mounted £75). It was **RESOLVED** to obtain litter bins as above, with the exception of Hic-Bibi Nature Reserve. Chorley Council to be asked to provide one, as they manage this land, and also to check if a litter bin in the ginnel on Mavis Drive is really necessary.
- 8.7 Request for finger post for public parking on Health Centre car park (owned by the Parish Council, but leased to the Health Centre). As the cost of providing a finger post was quite high (£770, plus fitting, plus a licence from LCC if on the highway), it was **RESOLVED** not to continue with this request.

9. DECISIONS MADE UNDER THE CLERK’S DELEGATED AUTHORITY (After consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair – delegated to make low key decisions on behalf of the Parish Council due to Covid-19 – maximum spend £500 – now raised to £1,000) – **None.**

10. PLANNING (Cllr. Coggins)

10.1 Applications:

- App.No. 21/01076/FULMAJ – Land 53M West of Belvedere, 31 Darlington Street – **Notification of Amendment** (the amendments can be viewed at: planning.chorley.gov.uk) - Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 67 no. dwellings (including 30% affordable housing) with associated access, car parking and landscaping. It was **RESOLVED** to respond that the original letter of **objection** still stands.
- App.No. 22/00764/FULHH – 83 Hurst Brook – Erection of 1.8m high boundary fence to side boundary of property (retrospective). It was **RESOLVED** to remain **Neutral**.
- App.No. 22/00738/FULHH – 20 Clayton Gate – Single storey rear extension, single storey side extension (garage) and first floor rear dormer. There is no overshadowing or loss of privacy. Therefore, it

was **RESOLVED** to **support** this application.

- App.No. 22/00771/TPO – 53 Pear Tree Avenue – Application for work to a protected oak tree (TP01) – crown reduction of 3 metres and crown raise to 4 metres above ground level. There is no problem with the tree works when looking at the trees, but it was **RESOLVED** to remain **neutral** and to defer to the Tree Warden’s opinion at Chorley Council.
- App.No. 22/00788/FULHH) Fiddlers Nook Farm, Jolly Tar Lane – **Resubmission** of planning ref. 22/00181/FULHH) Erection of detached outbuilding. It was **RESOLVED** to support this application.
- **Notice of Appeal** – App.No. 22/22212/REFUSED - Land to the rear of 13-16 Spinners Close – Erection of a building comprising 4no. Apartments and a building comprising 2 no. bungalows, with associated parking and landscaping. Cllr Coggins had met with residents and listened to their concerns. The Parish Council has previously objected and it was felt that this would also be refused by the Planning Inspectorate in regard to tree preservation and wildlife corridor.

10.2 **To consider any planning applications received after publication of this agenda for which a response is required prior to the next meeting**

- App.No. 22/00795/FULHH – 85 Hurst Brook – Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, including demolition of existing garage. Cllr Coggins could not access the plans for this application yet.
- App.No. 22/00811/FULHH – 16 Coppull Moor Lane – Removal of existing monopitch roof covering garages, stables and stores and replaced with new dual pitch roof finished in slate. It was **RESOLVED** to support this application.
- App.No. 13 Chapel Way – Conversion of integral garage to habitable accommodation. There is sufficient parking spaces and it has no impact of neighbouring properties. Therefore, it was **RESOLVED** to support this application.

10.3 **Decisions:**

- App.No. 22/00555/FULHH – Fiddlers Nook Farm, 46 Jolly Tar Lane – Erection of 2no. ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) arrays – **PERMITTED.**
- App.No. 22/00443/FULHH - 17 Pear Tree Avenue – Part two storey/part single storey side extension – **PERMITTED.**
- App.No. 22/00414/FUL – Land opposite 37 Preston Road – Erection of a stable block (retrospective) - **PERMITTED.**

- App.No. 22/00596/FULHH – 23 Darlington Street – Roof structure over existing driveway and construction of pagoda to rear of garden – **PERMITTED.**
- App.No. 19/00164/FULHH – 6 Jolly Tar Lane – Erection of a double garage – **WITHDRAWN.**

11. HIGHWAYS

- 11.1 20's Plenty Campaign response from Philippa Williamson, Leader of Lancashire County Council (sent with agenda to Parish Councillors). Request for 20mph on all roads in Coppull and throughout the county, as per LCC's campaign, has been denied. Information to be sent to County Councillor Julia Berry.
- 11.2 Concern over motorbike use on Spendmore Lane/New Road (JB). This had been discussed under County Councillor's Report.

12. CORRESPONDENCE / ITEMS FOR DECISION

- 12.1 SLCC - Rewilding Slides (previously emailed to Parish Councillors) – Response awaited regarding support being offered for improvements to ponds – Response received 10.08.22. The location of the pond to be forwarded and if it falls within a "Strategic Opportunity Area (SOA)", could result in funding being offered to improve ponds.

13. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION

- 13.1 Four additional pages have been put into the newsletter for the Autumn edition. This has resulted in the printing cost being increased to £1,057.00. Noted.
- 13.2 Chorley Council would like to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss the Streetscene Strategy as well as any other Streetscene related matters. Dates of meetings up until the end of the year have been forwarded.
- 13.3 Tree Assessment. As previously agreed, a further assessment has taken place at the Berry Garden, the Jubilee Garden, the Memorial Garden, Tansley Play Area and the Allotments. The consultant has put all these on one report, so the cost has been reduced to £550.00. Noted.
- 13.4 Concern again over speeding traffic on Mill Lane. Cllr Berry is aware of this and is liaising with those concerned.
- 13.4 There is a bush overhanging from a garden on Spendmore Lane, near the junction of Clancutt Lane, which is blocking the sight views. The Clerk to report to the relevant authority.

For information, there are various webinars that the Clerk and Councillors could attend. The Clerk to circulate a list to councillors.

The Chairman closed the meeting 8.00 pm.

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Councillor Michael Atherton
Parish Council Chairman